

General Guidelines: Material Repairs

Marmoleum® & Linoleum Products

- Cigarette burns and small scratches may be repaired using a fine grade steel wool (00 or 000 grade). Rub the damaged area, making sure to rub with the grain until damage is removed. Apply floor finish with a clean cloth to repaired area.
- To repair small gouges and voids, a paste made from a small scrap of material may be used. The paste is made by scraping the surface of a scrap piece of material using a paint scraper or knife. Take the scrapings and grind them together to make a fine powder. Mix the powder with white glue to form a paste. Fill the gouge with the paste, making sure to have an excess that, once dry, can be sanded even with the floor surface using steel wool. Apply floor finish to repaired area.
- Large gouges or torn areas may be repaired by plugging with a new piece of material. Plugs in the shape of a fish eye or diamond running with the marbleization will be less noticeable. Match marbleization of plug as close as possible to that of area to be repaired. Install new piece using proper adhesive and roll with a seam roller. Apply floor finish to repaired area.

Vinyl Sheet Products

- Minor cigarette burns may be repaired by first scraping away the charred material. Next, apply a few drops of vinyl seam sealer, allow the seam sealer to soften the vinyl, scrape again to remove the remainder of the charred material. Fill in damaged area with seam sealer and allow to dry.
- Minor tears may be repaired by cleaning the damaged area with a clean, white rag and some solvent and then apply a PVC flooring seam sealer.
- Large gouges or torn areas may be repaired by plugging with a new piece of material. Plugs in the shape of a triangle, fish eye or diamond will be less noticeable. Install a new piece with proper adhesive and roll with seam roller. Apply chemical weld seam sealer in seams, if flooring is in wet area or clean room the seams should be heat welded.

Vinyl Tile Products

- Most minor scratches and stains may be sanded off surface using fine sand paper and steel wool, buff with a buffing pad.
- Larger gouges or holes may be filled by heat welding a piece of the tile into the gouge, let cool, then sand smooth the surface with orbital sander then buff with a buffing pad.

Forbo's Installation Guide contains additional information and is available for download at www.forboflooringna.com. For a hard copy, or for additional information, contact Forbo Technical Services at +800 842 7839.